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After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty was restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!

ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!



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DEEP INSIDE THE HEART OF THE MYSTERIOUS CAT COUNTRY, WE FIND THE CHAOTIX--ESPIO, MIGHTY, VECTOR AND JULIE-SU--ANXIOUSLY STANDING WATCH, AS THE GUARDIAN LOCKE PREPARES FOR MORTAL COMBAT AGAINST THE CATQUEEN'S CHOSEN CHAMPION--
--THE FEROCIOUS RAZORKLAW!
YOU COULD STOP THIS, MA'AM, BEFORE MATTERS ESCALATE OUT OF CONTROL!
WE CAN SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS OUR DIFFERENCES IN A RATIONAL MANNER!
I'M SORRY, LOCKE OF THE KNUCKLES CLAN, BUT I BEG TO DIFFER!
WE SIMPLY DON'T TRUST YOUR KIND!
AND NOW--
--LET THE COMBAT BEGIN!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK!
OH, YEAH?
WE'LL--SEE--ABOUT--THAT--UGH!!
WITH THE PROPER LEVERAGE--
--IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW BIG OR STRONG YOUR OPPONENT IS!
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY--
?
WHAM
--THE BIGGER THEY ARE--
--THE HARDER THEY FALL!
NOW THAT YOUR CHAMPION IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT, YOUR HIGHNESS--
--WHAT DO YOU SAY WE NOW SIT DOWN AND TALK--

"BEFORE I REALLY GET MAD!"
SPEAKING OF GETTING MAD, WITHIN THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS WE FIND SOME FAMILIAR FIGURES WATCHING AS AN ENRAGED CHAOS STRIKES BACK AT THE CAUSE OF HIS ANGER--
YEEOOWW!
BTHUUUM
KRAAKKSH
PERFECT CHAOS
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MY HEAD MAY FEEL LIKE SCRAMBLED EGGMELLONS--
--BUT THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO HOW I'M GOING TO MAKE BUTT-UGLY FEEL--
--ONCE I PUT THE OL' SUPER SONIC MOVES ON HIM!
SPLURSH!
SPLAASH
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE IT, BUB!
C'MON, EVERYONE! LET'S CLEAR THE SCENE BEFORE SOMEONE SUFFERS A MAJOR HURT!
IT'S GETTING DOWNRIGHT NASTY, THAT'S FOR SHOAH!
AARRGGHH!
WHUMP
KRA'AK
5
SUGAH-TWAN!
KEEP MOVING EVERYONE BACK--
--WHILE I TAKE CARE OF ANTOINE!
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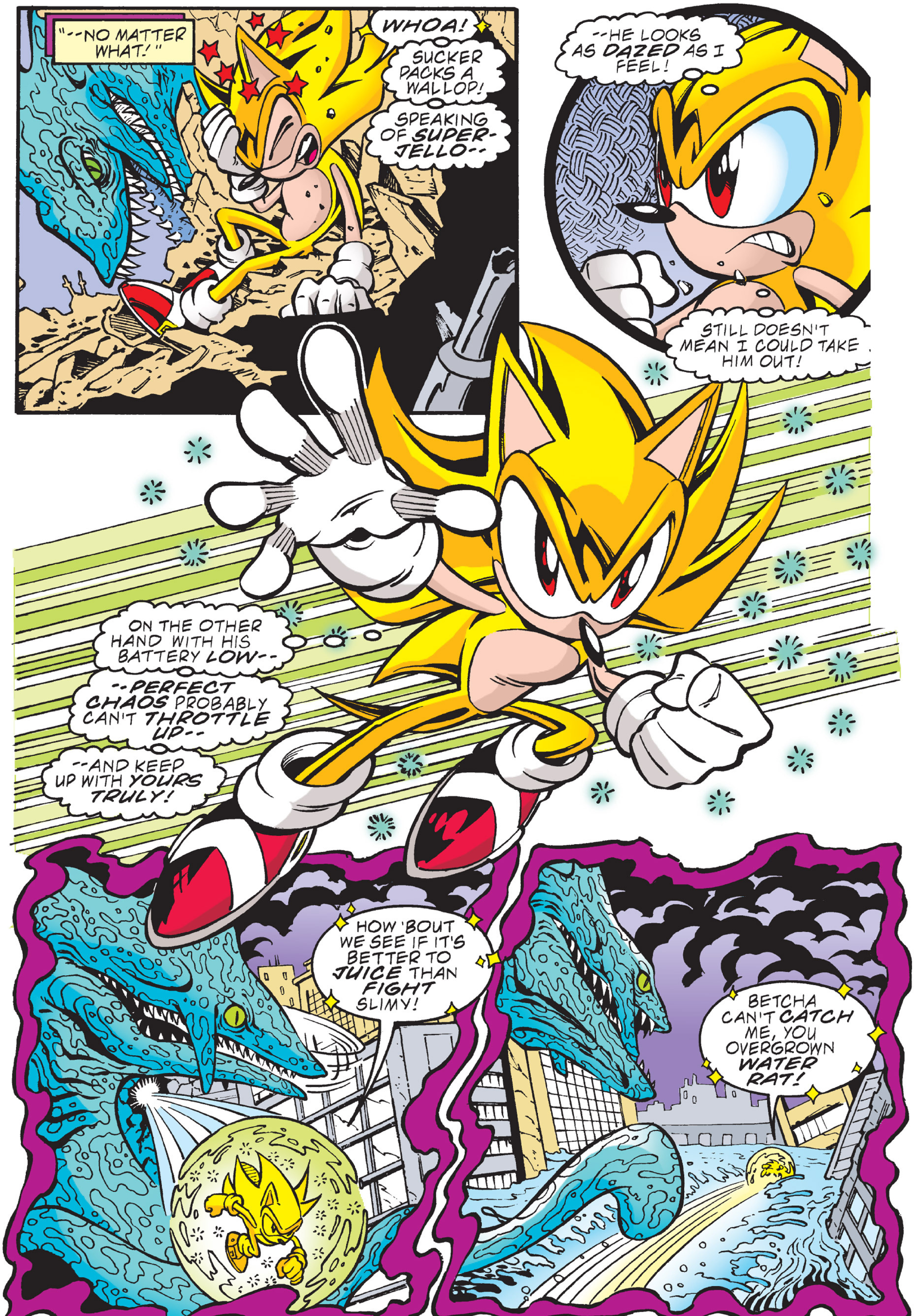

LEAVE ME, DEAR BUNNIE!
WHILE YOAH LIKE THIS? GET SERIOUS, HON!
WE CAN'T AFFORD THE TLC[1] TREATMENT, GUYS!
TIME AND PERFECT CHAOS AREN'T WAITIN' FOR ANYONE!
I CAN MANAGE, MON AMI!
SAVE IT FOR SOME OTHER TIME.
ANTOINE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HE'S FINE, JUST DINGED-UP A BIT!
HERE!
HE'S BETTER OFF WITH YOU--
--WHILE I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!
TICAL SAID WE'D NEED A LOT OF JUICE TO SHORT-CIRCUIT PERFECT CHAOS!
GATE B


SPLOORSH
"--AND SUPER-SONIC CAN ONLY HOLD OUT JUST SO LONG!"
TICAL MAY NOT WANNA SEE YOU HURT, BUB--
--BUT IF IT'S A MATTER OF MY DEAD CARCASS OR YOURS--
--HERE'S A CLUE...
IT AIN'T ME THAT'S GOING DOWN!
KRAAKKSSH
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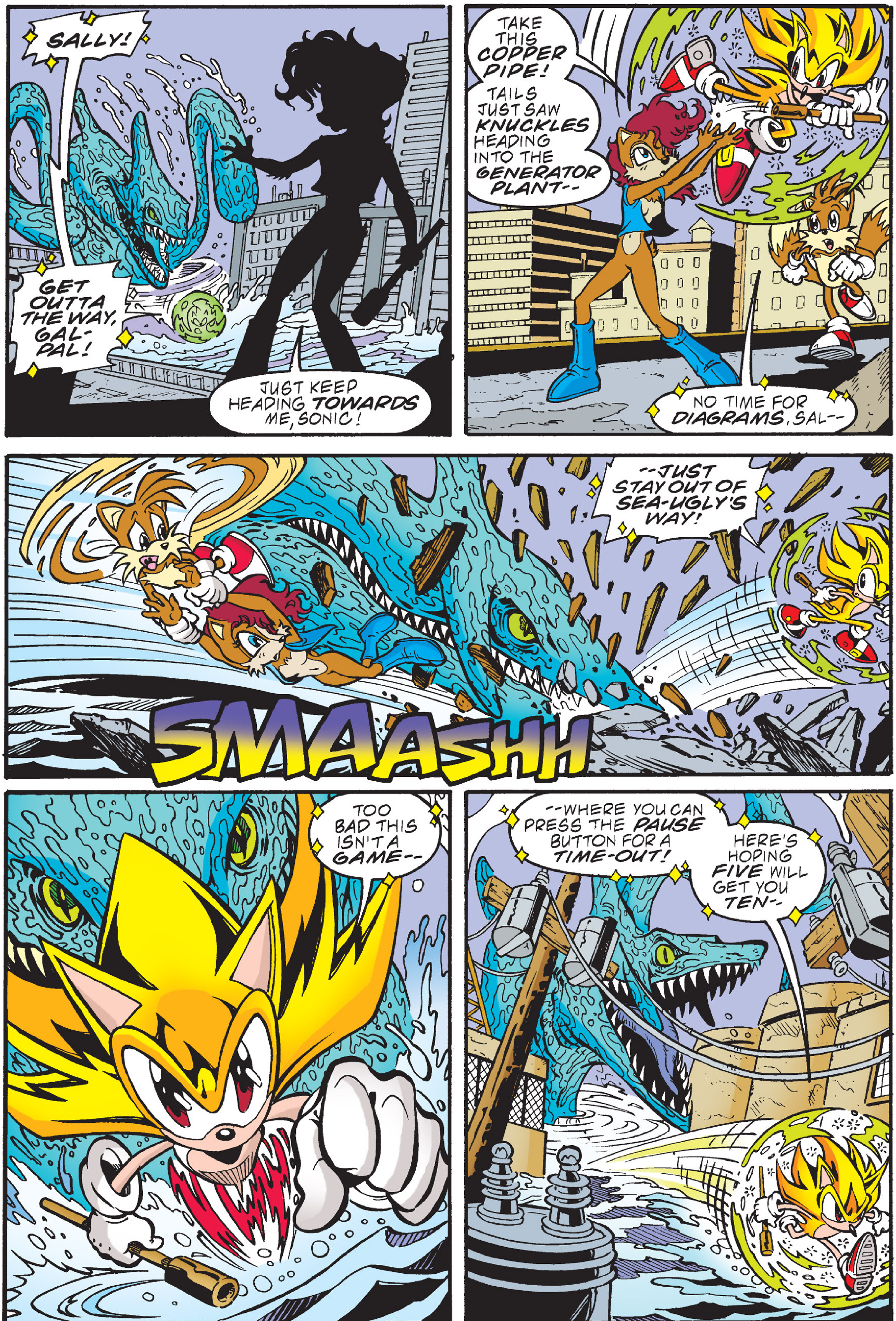

"HOW ABOUT WE TRY THAT AGAIN?
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO MAKE WAR, YOUR HIGHNESS!
I CAME TO SOLVE A PROBLEM AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MY SON'S FRIENDS!
PAST EXPERIENCE MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER THERE IS AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE AT STAKE HERE, LOCKE!
WE'RE A PEOPLE WHO TEND TO AVOID DEALING WITH OUTSIDERS! ESPECIALLY YOUR KIND!
I KNOW FROM STUDYING FAMILY HISTORY THAT NOT ALL MY ANCESTORS LED EXEMPLARY LIVES, YOUR HIGHNESS--
--BUT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, MY FAMILY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL!
AND WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY HISTORY TELL YOU ABOUT--
HIM?

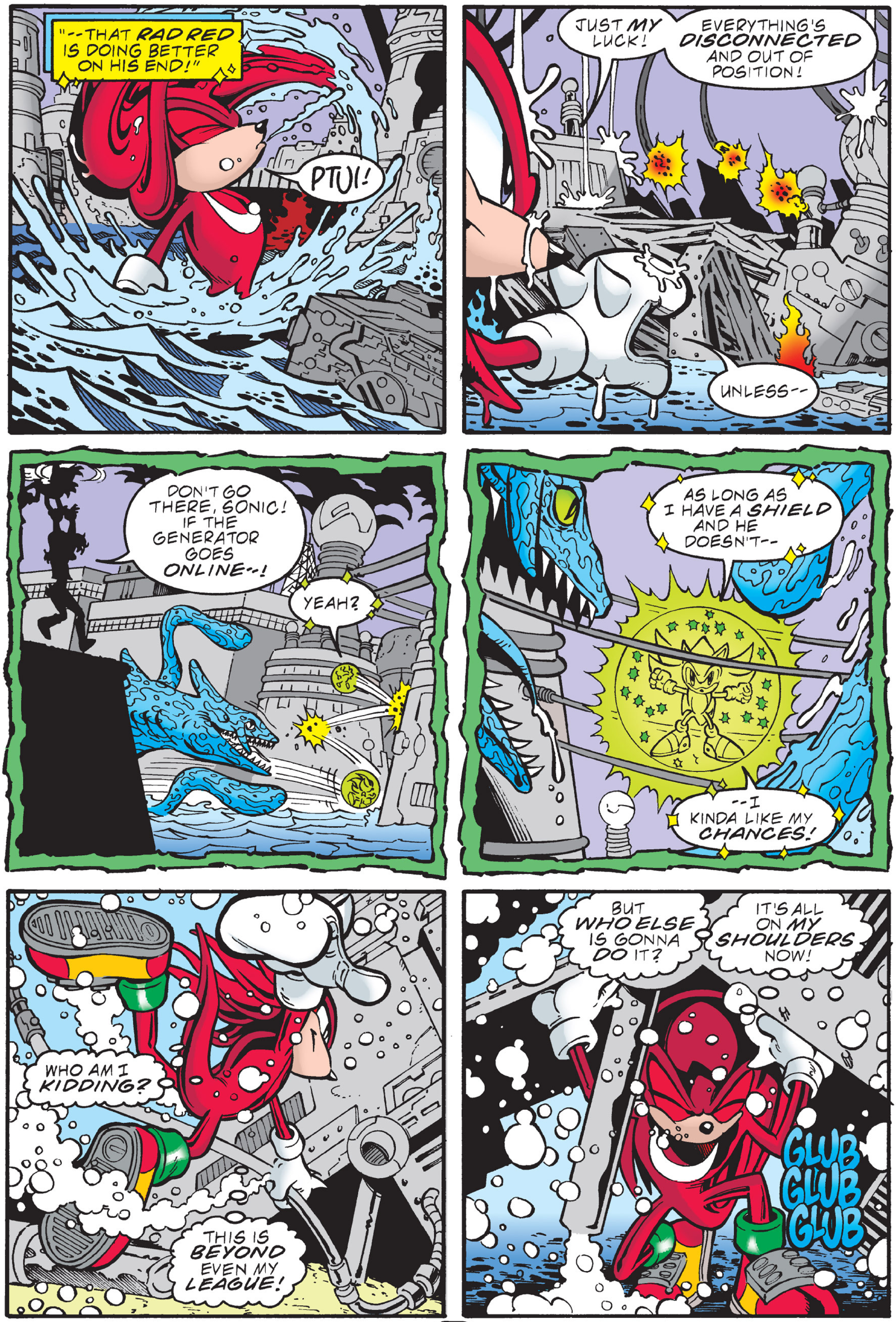


AS LOCKE PONDERS HIS ANSWER, WE TURN OUR ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN TO HIS SON...
WAH-HOO! THERE'S THE GENERATOR STATION THAT POWERS THE CITY!
THAT'S GOTTA DO THE TRICK!
JUST MY LUCK!
THE PLACE IS FLOODED OUT--
SPLAA AASH
--AND ME AND WATER DON'T EXACTLY MIX!
I CAN'T-- I CAN'T--
I JUST GOTTA!
GLUB GLUB GLUB
STEADY-- STEADY--
JUST FOLLOW THE PIPES--

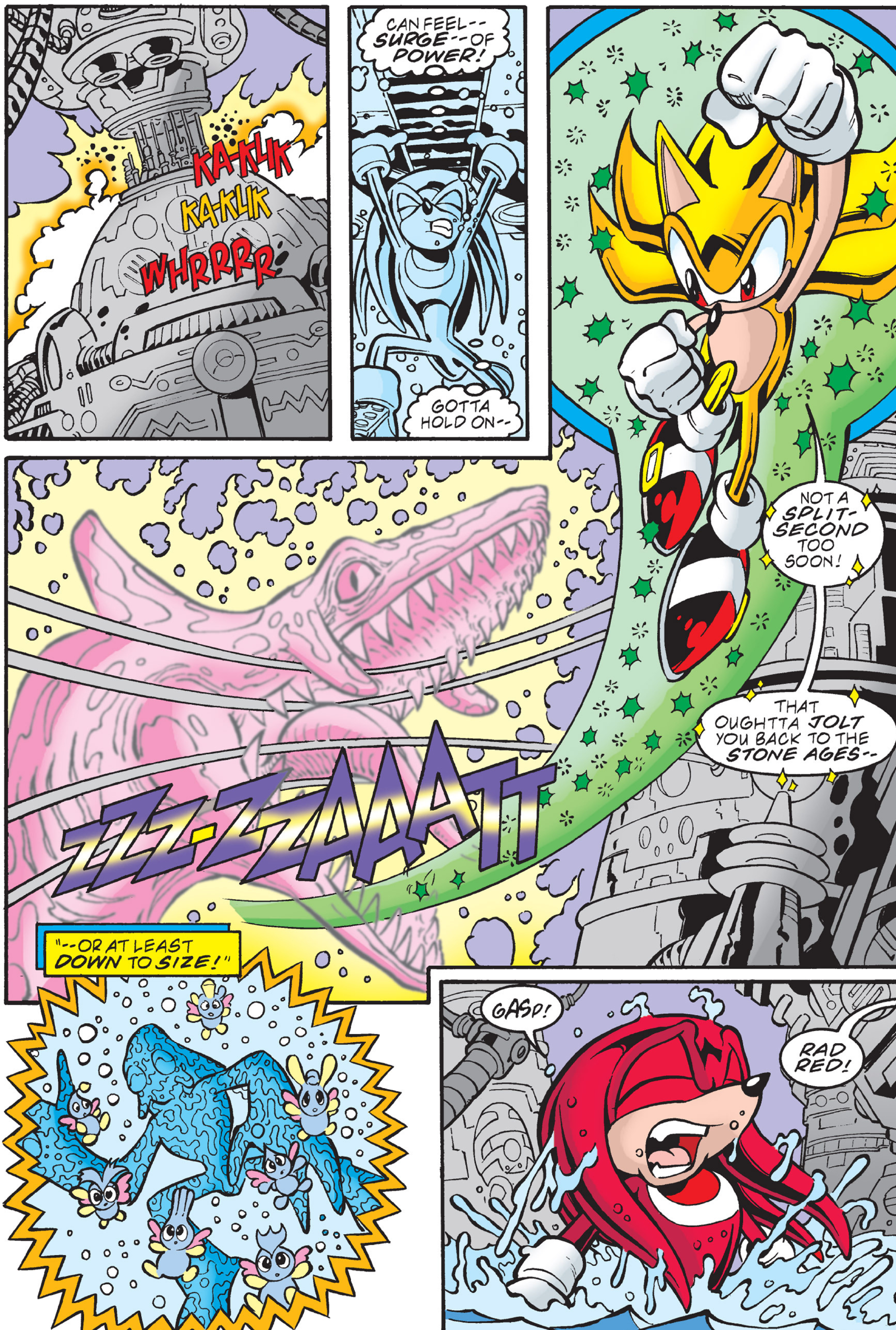



"--NO MATTER WHAT!"
WHOA!
SUCKER PACKS A WALLOP!
SPEAKING OF SUPER-JELLO--
--HE LOOKS AS DAZED AS I FEEL!
STILL DOESN'T MEAN I COULD TAKE HIM OUT!
ON THE OTHER HAND WITH HIS BATTERY LOW--
--PERFECT CHAOS PROBABLY CAN'T THROTTLE UP--
--AND KEEP UP WITH YOURS TRULY!
HOW 'BOUT WE SEE IF IT'S BETTER TO JUICE THAN FIGHT SLIMY!
BETCHA CAN'T CATCH ME, YOU OVERGROWN WATER RAT!


SALLY!
GET OUTTA THE WAY, GAL-PAL!
JUST KEEP HEADING TOWARDS ME, SONIC!
TAKE THIS COPPER PIPE!
TAILS JUST SAW KNUCKLES HEADING INTO THE GENERATOR PLANT--
NO TIME FOR DIAGRAMS, SAL--
--JUST STAY OUT OF SEA-UGLY'S WAY!
SMAASHH
TOO BAD THIS ISN'T A GAME--
--WHERE YOU CAN PRESS THE PAUSE BUTTON FOR A TIME-OUT!
HERE'S HOPING FIVE WILL GET YOU TEN--


"--THAT RAD RED IS DOING BETTER ON HIS END!"
PTUI!
JUST MY LUCK!
EVERYTHING'S DISCONNECTED AND OUT OF POSITION!
UNLESS--
DON'T GO THERE, SONIC! IF THE GENERATOR GOES ONLINE--!
YEAH?
AS LONG AS I HAVE A SHIELD AND HE DOESN'T--
--I KINDA LIKE MY CHANCES!
WHO AM I KIDDING?
THIS IS BEYOND EVEN MY LEAGUE!
BUT WHO ELSE IS GONNA DO IT?
IT'S ALL ON MY SHOULDERS NOW!
GLUB GLUB GLUB

THERE'S--
--NOBODY--
--BUT--
--ME!
I DID IT!


KA-KLIK
KA-KLIK
WHRRRR
CAN FEEL-- SURGE--OF POWER!
GOTTA HOLD ON--
NOT A SPLIT-SECOND TOO SOON!
THAT OUGHTTA JOLT YOU BACK TO THE STONE AGES--
ZZZ-ZZAAATT
"--OR AT LEAST DOWN TO SIZE!"
GASP!
RAD RED!



GIMME YOUR MITT!
WHAT'S THE SCORE?
THE GOOD GUYS WON! WHAT ELSE DID YOU EXPECT?
THEN WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHT SHOW?
IT'S TIME NOW WE RETURNED TO THE ZONE WE BELONG TO!
YOU'VE DONE WELL--ALL OF YOU!
ZAAAAAAAAP
AFTER ALL THAT--IT'S OVER!
DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT SOMEHOW!
WHAT DO YOU CARE ANYHOW?
"THEY'RE NOW ONE LESS HEADACHE TO WORRY ABOUT!"

AS FOR ME, I'VE GOTTA GET THESE CHAOS SHARDS BACK AND FIGURE OUT HOW TO RESTORE THE FLOATING ISLAND WITH 'EM!
NEED ANY HELP?
NAH! I'LL PROBABLY HAVE ALL I NEED BACK AT THE RANCH!
THEN TAKE CARE, KNUCKLES!
LATER, BIG GUY!
THINK OUR SONIC ADVENTURE IS GAME OVER?! THEN TURN THE PAGE WHILE WE TIE UP A FEW LOOSE ENDS WITH EVERYONE'S FAVORITE RAD RED!
AS FOR EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BLUE BLUR, BE HERE NEXT ISSUE!
STOP


Born to the most noble of Echidna houses, the latest to continue the family heritage and responsibility as Guardian of The Floating Island, defender of all against the forces of evil from the world beyond as well as those who would threaten from within!
ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!
WITH THE CHAOS EMERALD SHARDS ONCE AGAIN IN HIS POSSESSION, KNUCKLES RETURNS TO THE FLOATING ISLAND, CURRENTLY IN THE PREDICAMENT OF TAKING ON WATER SINCE IT WAS RENDERED INERT WHEN THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS STOLEN.
AS HE ARRIVES VIA AN ENERGY ZONE PORTAL, A FLASH OF LIGHT IMMEDIATELY ATTRACTS HIS ATTENTION...
WITHOUT THE GUIDING STAR GEM, I'D BE ONE LOST ECHIDNA!
BUT IT WON'T BE HOME SWEET HOME IF I CAN'T GET THE FLOATING ISLAND SOARING AMONG THE CLOUDS AGAIN!
WHOA! WHAT'S WITH THE LIGHT SHOW?
BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS
LOOKS LIKE OUR LAD SAW YOUR SIGNAL, SPECTRE!
AT THE RATE THE ISLAND IS GRADUALLY SINKING, WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE, SABRE!
KNUCKLES! OVER HERE!
I TAKE IT YOU HAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD WITH YOU!

MAKE THAT EMERALDS! ROBOTNIK BROKE IT INTO PIECES!
STILL, IT'LL SUIT OUR PURPOSES!
ESPECIALLY HERE!
DEJA VU! THIS PLACE LOOKS FAMILIAR!
WITH THE CHAOS CHAMBER TOTALLY DESTROYED, WE NEEDED A REPLACEMENT SETTING!
THIS DESIGN SHOULD MORE EFFICIENTLY TAP INTO THE POWER OF THE CHAOS SHARDS!
WE'RE IN LUCK! IT FITS LIKE A GLOVE!
IF THE REST OF THE SHARDS FOLLOW SUIT IN THEIR SETTINGS --
-- WE'RE IN BUSINESS!
ALL SYSTEMS ARE GO!
GREAT! NOW THAT WE HAVE LIFT-OFF --
-- DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE MY FATHER IS?


A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS A PAIR OF WARY GUARDSMEN STAND WATCH ON THE BEACH...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE SOUND THE ALARM?
I WOULDN'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS --
-- UNTIL WE SEE WHO IT IS!
RRRRRRRRRROAARR
YOU WANT ME TO ACCOMPANY YOU, KNUCKLES?
NAH, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT, GRANDFATHER THUNDERHAWK!
HI, GUYS!
STEP THIS WAY!
SURE! WHATEVER! WE'RE FRIENDS HERE, RIGHT?
STUMBLE OVER ANYONE LIKE ME RECENTLY?


FURTHER INTO THE JUNGLE, WE FIND...
WHADDYA MAKE OF THAT, MIGHTY?
SOMEONE'S SURE GOT TALENT, VECTOR!
DIDN'T WE SEE SOMETHING LIKE IT BACK ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, JULIE-SU?
AT THE DARK LEGION COMPLEX, ESPIO!
WHAT'S AT THE DARK LEGION COMPLEX, GUYS?
KNUCKLES!!! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
LAST I CHECKED!
ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED YOUR FACE!
SO --?
IS ANYONE GONNA SPILL WHAT'S WITH ALL THE DROPPED JAWS?
YOU'RE GOING TO WANT TO CHECK THIS OUT YOURSELF!



KNUCKLES.
FATHER.
THAT'S QUITE THE ROCK!
I TAKE IT THESE GUYS DON'T THINK MUCH OF ECHIDNAS!
THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT, MY SON!
BEFORE YOU IS THE LIKENESS OF PACHACAMAC -- ABSOLUTE LEADER OF THE KNUCKLES CLAN!
WHEN YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE DECIDING ON A NAME FOR FOR YOU, I DID SOME RESEARCH OF FAMILY HISTORY --
-- AND I MADE AN AMAZING DISCOVERY...
"HUNDREDS OF YEARS AGO, YOUR ANCESTORS WERE KNOWN AS THE KNUCKLES CLAN --
" -- AND THEY WERE THE MOST ADVENTUROUS ECHIDNAS OF THEM ALL, HAVING SET SAIL IN ORDER TO EXPLORE THEIR HOMEWORLD...


"WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY REACHED THIS LAND, PACHACAMAC LED THE WARRIOR FACTION OF THE FAMILY AGAINST THE NATIVES WHO LIVED HERE --
" -- MUCH TO THE DISMAY OF THE REST OF THE FAMILY...
"THE SCHOLARS AND LABORERS OF THE GROUP REJECTED PACHACAMAC AND HIS FOLLOWERS, EVEN RENOUNCING ANY CLAIM TO THE KNUCKLES' FAMILY NAME, AND DEPARTED TO SETTLE ELSEWHERE...
AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, I FELT IT TIME THE FAMILY RECLAIM ITS NAME AND HERITAGE -- BEGINNING WITH YOU!
I MUST ADMIT, I THOUGHT THOSE OF YOUR ISLAND WERE PREPARING TO INVADE UNTIL YOUR FATHER CONVINCED ME OTHERWISE!
THE MANY SHOULD NOT SUFFER FOR THE SINS OF THE ONE!
WHOA!
AT LEAST WE DIDN'T PULL YOUR NAME OUT OF A HAT!
WHAT ABOUT THE STATUE?
THE QUEEN AND HER PEOPLE AREN'T EXACTLY WILD ABOUT IT!
CAN'T SAY I BLAME HER!
BY THE WAY, I GOT THE EMERALD BACK!
OUR SONIC ADVENTURE MAY BE OVER, BUT KNUCKLES' SAGA CONTINUES IN THE PAGES OF SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #14, THEN JOIN US IN SONIC #88 AS RAD RED BEGINS A NEW PHASE OF ADVENTURES!